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SUBJECT: ANOTHER INCIDENT AT BOGRA

1. THERE HAS BEEN MORE TROUBLE THIS WEEK AMONG THE ARMY STATIONED AT BOGRA. A BANGLADESHI SOURCE TOLD EMBOFFS YESTERDAY, JULY 15, THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "MUTINY" OF LANCERS AT BOGRA TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY (PRESUMABLY JULY 13). THE SOURCE, WHO OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM AN ARMY COLONEL, SAID THAT THE DISSIDENTS HAD BEEN SURROUNDED. THE SOURCE HAD FEW PARTICULARS, BUT HE LINKED THE UNREST TO THE SUPPORTERS OF LT. COL. FAROOK RAHMAN, EXILED LEADER OF THE AUGUST 15 COUP, SAID THAT IT WAS CAUSED BY THE ARREST OF SEVEN OFFICERS OF THE LANCERS. HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE OFFICERS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY WERE REPATRIATES, AND SEEMED NOT TO KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE REPORTED ARRESTS.

2. TODAY, JULY 15, FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN CONFIRMED TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT THERE HAD BEEN TROUBLE AT BOGRA BUT SAID THAT IT WAS NOW SORTED OUT. TABARAK ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LT. COLONELS FAROOK RAHMAN AND ABDUR RASHID HAD BEEN
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3. COMMENT. WE HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE INCIDENT AT BOGRA. IT WOULD SEEM FROM THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REMARKS THAT THE ARMY HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, BUT THE INCIDENT DOES DEMONSTRATE THAT DIVISIONS WITHIN THE ARMY CONTINUE AND THAT DISCIPLINE HAS YET TO BE FULLY RESTORED.

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